

Pintail Technologies' TestVision® Selected by Agilent Technologies

Software to help establish statistical control in semiconductor test process

DALLAS (April 5, 2004) – Pintail Technologies, a semiconductor test improvement company providing software solutions for accelerated time to market and cost recovery, announced that Agilent Technologies selected its TestVision® and DataConduit™ products to be used by their field engineers and customers to improve system stability to support correlation.

“Agilent wants to assist our customers with getting the highest utilization and yield from their ATE investments. To do this, our customers and Agilent’s worldwide field engineers need to be able to ensure stable test platforms and to release and correlate new programs more efficiently,” said Peter Jeckle, global customer services and support manager for Agilent Technologies’ Automated Test Group (ATG). “Pintail’s TestVision provides robust correlation tools that suit our needs. Pintail’s DataConduit provides an open interface that both our support engineers and our customers can use to gain additional control of their test data.”

In modern semiconductor test operations, the majority of inefficiencies arise from either the equipment being out of statistical control or the test programs being out of control or both. Discriminating between these problems is difficult. Ensuring that the total test process is in statistical control greatly reduces production problems, enhances yields and improves overall quality. Using TestVision gives Agilent and Agilent’s customers visibility into these issues and provides a valuable tool for repairing identified problems via advanced statistical control techniques.

“Test process improvement presents untapped opportunities for cost savings and yield improvement,” said Taylor Scanlon, chief executive officer of Pintail Technologies. “This agreement is validation that software can and will make a difference in the test environment. Agilent’s recognition that their customers will get the best from their ATE investments when their test process and test programs are in good statistical control is forward thinking and exciting. Pintail is very happy to be a part of this customer initiative.”

Pintail Technologies' TestVision is an innovative software product consisting of a set of robust analytical tools that empower design and test engineers to monitor, analyze, simulate and optimize test performance for improving productivity, decision-making and yield. Pintail Technologies' TestVision® and Swiftest™ semiconductor test improvement products are available to all sectors of the semiconductor supply chain. For more information go to www.pintail.com.

About Pintail Technologies

Pintail Technologies is a semiconductor test improvement and yield learning company that provides breakthrough software to reduce the cost of test and increase production output and quality through existing test equipment and programs. Pintail has created the first test improvement solutions to combine real-time test process control capabilities with innovative analytical programs in an integrated software suite designed for speed and accuracy. Fabless and integrated device manufacturers worldwide, in collaboration with leading assembly and test suppliers use Pintail tools to increase competitive advantage and improve responsiveness to test issues. Pintail has sales offices in Dallas, Austin, San Jose, Seoul, Singapore, Taiwan, Munich and Switzerland. See more information at www.pintail.com.

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